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FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POLISH/GERMAN AGREEMENT

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1. AFTER HIS RETURN LATE YESTERDAY FROM LUXEMBOURG, VAN WELL GOT IN TOUCH WITH ME TO SAY THAT GENSCHER HAD BEEN IN FURTHER CONTACT WITH BOTH THE POLES AND NIEDER-SACHSEN MINISTER-PRESIDENT ALBRECHT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS STILL HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT WHICH WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO ALBRECHT BEFORE MARCH 10 WHEN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BUNDESRAT MEETS. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT ANYTHING FROM WARSAW UNTIL NEXT WEEK. VAN WELL NOTED THAT GENSCHER WAS CONCENTRATING ON ALBRECHT WITHOUT TRYING AT THIS POINT TO INFLUENCE OTHER BUNDESRAT MEMBERS SUCH AS ROEDER OF THE SAARLAND.

2. VAN WELL ADDED THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, HE THOUGHT IT BETTER THAT WE CONTINUE TO

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REFRAIN FROM TELLING THE POLES ABOUT ANYTHING WE MIGHT HAVE DONE TO ENCOURAGE A MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON THE

PART OF THE CDU. THIS COULD COME AT A LATER STAGE
WHEN THE GERMAN/POLISH DISCUSSIONS HAD COME TO A
RESOLUTION.

3. THE KOHL-SONNENFELDT MEETING LAST FRIDAY HAS BEEN
REPORTED BY THE PRO-SPD PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL PRESS
SERVICE (PPP), BUT SO FAR HAS BEEN PICKED UP ONLY BY THE
SPD WESTFAELISCHE RUNDSEHAW (WR). ACCORDING TO THE
FEBRUARY 23 PPP REPORT, SONNENFELDT ADVISED KOHL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES DEFEAT OF THE POLISH AGREEMENT
WOULD HAVE. ACCORDING TO WR ON FEBRUARY 24, THE
US GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING THE DEBATE OVER THE POLISH
AGREEMENT WITH GREAT INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES ITS
DEFEAT WOULD HAVE FOR DETENTE. WR CLAIMED THAT SONNENFELDT'S TALK WITH KOHL REDUCED THE LATTER'S
OPPOSITION TO THE AGREEMENT TO THE POINT IT CANNOT
CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

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